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## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

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1. A pry bar tool assembly comprising:

a fulcrum, at least two bar ends of different configuration for different pry bar usage and at least two handles of different lengths, said fulcrum configured to have a curved pivotal bottom surface, a flat top portion having a front end, and said fulcrum having a rear end;

said handles each releasably and replaceably connectable to the rear end of the fulcrum and extended rearwardly from said rear end, and each bar end releasably and replaceably connectable to the flat top portion and extended forward of the front end whereby said at least two bar ends and said at least two handles can be selectively assembled and reassembled to said fulcrum to provide at least four pry bar tool configurations.

- 2. A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 1 wherein the fulcrum flat top portion has a series of threaded screw/bolt receiving holes aligned lengthwise between the rear and front ends and said bar ends having a series of screw/bolt receiving openings that are matable with certain of the threaded screw/bolt receiving holes of the fulcrum for selective insertion of screws/bolts and thereby securement of either bar end to the fulcrum top for extension from the fulcrum front end.
  - 3. A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 2 wherein at least one of the bar ends can be projected from the front end of the fulcrum at different lengths by the discriminate selection of different screw/bolt receiving openings mated with the bar end screw/bolt receiving openings.
  - 4. A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 1 wherein the handles have an outer threaded cylindrical surface end portion with exterior screw threads thereon and said fulcrum rear end has a mated interior cylindrical opening threaded to receive said threaded outer cylindrical surface end portions of said handles.

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- 5. A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 3 wherein the handles have an outer threaded cylindrical surface end portion with exterior screw threads thereon and said fulcrum rear end has a mated interior cylindrical opening threaded to receive said threaded outer cylindrical surface end portions of said handles.
- 6. A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 1 wherein at least one of said bar ends, when secured to said fulcrum, has a sharpened flat end portion, said sharpened flat end portion discriminately angled whereby with the pivotal bottom supported on a planar support surface and the bar end flat portion engaged with the same support surface, said flat end portion is extended substantially parallel to the plane of the support surface for insertion under an item lying on the support surface.
- 7. A system for customization of a pry bar to different tasks in construction and/or demolition, which system comprises:
- a fulcrum, handle and a bar end having a bar end tip, and assembled together to provide beneficial properties applicable to the performance of a prying task, one of said handle and bar end being removable and replaceable with an alternate handle or bar end and is alternately assembled, providing different beneficial properties applicable to perform a prying task.
- 8. A system as defined in Claim 1 wherein said handle is removable and replaceable with a handle of a different length and providing the beneficial property of different leverage advantages to the user.
- 9. A system as defined in Claim 1 wherein said bar end is removable and replaceable with a bar end of a different bar end tip, said bar end tip of said bar ends configured to beneficially perform different pry bar tasks.
- A system as defined in Claim 1 wherein said handle and said bar end 10. 25 are both removable and replaceable to selectively provide multiple combinations of pry bar types for performance of multiple pry bar tasks.